



*Safety and security
don't just happen.
They are the result of
collective consensus
and public investment.
We owe our children,
the most vulnerable
citizens in our society,
a life free of violence
and fear.*

– Nelson Mandela

what's in it for *my* community?

- larger number of youth safely remaining in their own or kinship homes
- higher quality services provided to children & families
- more skilled child welfare workers & supervisors
- fewer repeat child maltreatment referrals
- increased collaboration between providers, community members, & other government agencies



*And, we are with you **every** step of the way...*

*Tennessee Department of Children's Services
firmly believes in the abilities of families
and communities to promote the
healthy development and care of children.*

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our goal is to assist *families...*

- in providing safe care for their children within their own homes and communities.
- in developing effective coping and care giving skills.
- in gaining access to, developing, and using resources to effectively meet their families' needs.
- in reducing risk in order to prevent maltreatment.



FOCUSED
early, targeted,
and consistent
attention to needs

INCLUSIVE
the family's perspective
on issues is sought
and encouraged

strategies

INDIVIDUALIZED
services tailored to the
unique characteristics
of families

COLLABORATIVE
decisions/plans informed
by the stakeholders'
perspectives

COORDINATED
linkage to internal and
community resources

For more information, check out our website at
<http://www.tn.gov/youth/services/inhometn.shtml>

in home tennessee at a glance

In Home Tennessee is aimed at enhancing the services provided to families involved with the child welfare system across the state. Through In Home Tennessee, communities and the Department of Children's Services work together to enhance child welfare practice, and to improve the availability, quality, and delivery of in-home services offered to Tennessee's children and families.

our mission

In Home Tennessee supports and enhances the DCS Mission of fostering partnerships to **protect** children, **develop** youth, **strengthen** families, & **build** safe communities.

SERVICE ARRAY

Region-by-region
community assessment
of the child welfare system

Individualized,
collaborative work
on the identified needs

Ongoing assessment,
tracking, & adjustments
to ensure accessible
supports & services are
available in a community
to meet the unique needs
of children and families

PRACTICE

Enhanced training for
child welfare workers
to include:

A coaching culture
for workers to help
engage with families

Collaborative learning
with DCS & stakeholders

Region-specific training
based on identified needs

Ongoing, real-case
demonstration of skills

components of in home tennessee

